

VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION
PROVISIONAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA
701 NORTH FOURTH STREET
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

Commissioners Attending:

Voting Members

Karen Moss Barnes
Julie Cherry
David Conner
Dr. Jennifer Falls (arrived at 10:15)
Jenny Korner
Ann Masden
Mike Manning
Teresa Micheels
William Stoudt
Fabian Tucker

Ex-officio members

Vickie Schenk

Commissioners Absent:

Monica Bradsher
Sharon Weston Broome
Dr. Leroy Davis
Shannon Dietz
Chris Gorman
Robert Lancon
Dena Morrison

Staff Attending:

Judd Jeansonne
Jawonna Mason
Stephanie Trahan

Staff Absent:

Nicholas Auck

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Julie Cherry called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. Fabian Tucker called roll. Quorum was achieved. The minutes of the March 2014 meeting were presented by Fabian and approved unanimously on a motion by Jennifer Falls and a second by Jenny Korner. The minutes of the July 12, 2013 meeting were presented by Monica and approved unanimously on a motion by Jenny Korner and a second by Mike Manning.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Julie congratulated Vickie Schenk on being promoted permanently to Louisiana State Program Director for CNCS, and recapped the Leaders Against Litter Event and Legislative Service Challenge in April. She announced that 2 national direct programs have been awarded over \$2 million in competitive funds, 5 state programs have been awarded over \$4 million of competitive funds, and that state's formula allocation from CNCS increased this year to \$1.8 million.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jenny Korner presented the Treasurer's Report. Julie had questions about Disability and Volunteer Generation Funds that were addressed by staff. Karen had questions about the funding streams that were addressed by staff. Fabian Tucker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and David Conner seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Judd provided an overview of the day to day to operations of Volunteer Louisiana from the AmeriCorps and Volunteer Outreach standpoint. He also informed commissioners that the National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) conference will be held in New Orleans in May of 2015. Mike Manning is serving as conference Chair and provided additional information. Judd also announced that the Hands On Connect Volunteer Management System and aggregator tool will be ready to launch by this summer.

Judd also outlined his activities as ED, using the state strategic and service plans as a guide. He stated his concerns about the messaging and branding of national service and AmeriCorps in our programs. This will be a major point of emphasis in his tenure along with giving Volunteer Louisiana a presence in all 64 parishes. He gave updates on 3 stalled commissioner nominations announced plans for a statewide swearing in ceremony on September 12.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration of Governance Committee Treasurer nomination

Julie presented the Governance Committee report on Treasurer nomination. The Committee nominated Ann Masden who agreed to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of the year. Julie made a motion to approve Ann's nomination which was seconded by Mike Manning. Julie called for a vote and the motion was approved by acclamation. No other nominations were offered.

Consideration of AmeriCorps Committee Formula Funding recommendations

David Conner presented the committee's actions from their May 21 meeting. David gave an overview of the state's competitive awards and available formula allocation. Stephanie Trahan explained the application process, the funding timeline, the allocation recommendations the logistics of planning grants, and fielded Commissioner questions.

David made a motion to approve the formula allocation as recommended by the AmeriCorps committee which was seconded by Jenny Korner. Julie called for comments then called for a vote. The motion was approved by acclamation. William Stoudt abstained.

David made another motion to give the Volunteer Louisiana staff authority to conduct a fair and equitable planning grant application review process and the authority to award grants up to the totals recommended by the AmeriCorps committee. The motion was seconded by Mike Manning. Julie called for comments and David offered further clarification. Julie called for a vote and the motion was approved by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Falls reported for the disaster committee. She gave updates on the community service diploma endorsement, Volunteer Generation Funds, and National Days of Service.

CALENDAR REVIEW

Fabian reviewed upcoming calendar events.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Fabian Tucker and seconded by David Conner that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 11:41 pm.